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MEMORANDUM FOR MEMBERS OF AFSAC:

Subject: Consolidation of Cryptologic Activities
of the Armed Forces.

Enclosure: Report by the Director, AFSA, to the
Joint Chiefs of Staff, subject as above.

1. The enclosed Report is circulated to
members of AFSAC for such comment as may be appropriate
for inclusion in a forwarding memorandum to the Joint
Chiefs of Staff.



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to the

JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

on

THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE CRYPTOLOGIC
ACTIVITIES OF THE ARMED FORCES

Reference: JCS 2010/6

1. In accordance with the provisions of paragraph 10 of Enclosure "B" of JCS 2010/6 the following report on the status of the consolidation of the cryptologic activities of the Armed Forces is hereby submitted via the Armed Forces Security Agency Council (AFSAC).

2. The following chronologic listing summarises the principal actions which have been taken with respect to subject consolidation.

- a. 20 May 1949 - Memorandum sent to the Joint Chiefs of Staff by the Secretary of Defense establishing the Armed Forces Security Agency (AFSA).
- b. 29 June 1949 - Secretary of Defense approved the Joint Chiefs of Staff nomination of Rear Admiral Stone as Director, AFSA.
- c. 5 July 1949 - The Armed Forces Communications Intelligence Advisory Council (AFCIAC) held its first meeting and organised in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2c of JCS 2010, and instituted action to draft an APCIAC charter and a directive for the Director, AFSA. (The Council has been meeting on an average of twice monthly since its establishment.)

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- d. 15 July 1949 - Rear Admiral Stone assumed Office as Director, AFSA with headquarters at Navy Communication Station, Washington, D. C. (See Enclosure "A")
- e. 22 July 1949 - Several study groups were formed, with representation from each Service, to determine in considerable detail, how best to consolidate and organize the various activities to be included in AFSA. (This work was completed late in August.)
- f. 28 July 1949 - JCS 2010/6, the AFSA Charter and the Directive to Director, AFSA were submitted to Joint Chiefs of Staff by AFSAIC for approval.
- g. 1 September 1949 - The Joint Chiefs of Staff approved recommendation of JCS 2010/6. The directive to the Director, AFSA thus approved, required the submittal as soon as practicable, via AFSAIC, of specific and detailed recommendations as to initial composition, organization, and physical location of AFSA. The directive also required that upon completion of consolidation, not later than 1 January 1950, Director, AFSA report the fact via AFSAIC to the Joint Chiefs of Staff.
- h. 30 September 1949 - JCS 2010/10 which set forth a general consolidation plan and JCS 2010/11 which set forth the initial composition, organization and physical location of AFSA, were submitted to the Joint Chiefs of Staff for approval.
- i. 1 October 1949 - Director, AFSA assumed operational control of the cryptologic activities of the Department of Defense as provided in the Secretary of Defense directive dated 20 May 1949. (See Enclosure "B")

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1. 22 October 1949 - The Joint Chiefs of Staff approved the recommendation in JCS 2010/12, effecting a change in title of "Armed Forces Communications Intelligence Advisory Council (AFCIAC)" to "Armed Forces Security Agency Council (AFSAC)."
2. 25 October 1949 - The Joint Chiefs of Staff approved the recommendations of JCS 2010/10 and 2010/11.
(This action permitted the consolidation and organization plans to be implemented.)
3. 16 December 1949 - The Assistant Secretary of Defense promulgated a memorandum "Financing of Armed Forces Security Agency." (See Enclosure "C")
4. 25 December 1949 - The Director, AFSA assumed administrative control of all civilian personnel performing functions for which he assumed operational control on 1 October 1949. (See Enclosure "D")

3. The status of consolidation as of 1 January 1950 is as follows:

a. Functional Consolidation

The Armed Forces Security Agency was established in order to provide for the placing under one authority the conduct of communication intelligence and communication security activities within the Department of Defense, except those which are to be conducted individually by the Departments of the Army, Navy, and Air Force. On 1 October 1949, the Director, AFSA, assumed operational control of the cryptologic activities of the Department of Defense as provided in the Secretary of Defense directive, effecting functional consolidation. The organization as approved in JCS 2010/11 has been placed in effect.

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b. Physical Consolidation

The general consolidation plan approved by the Joint Chiefs of Staff on 25 October 1949, provided the basis for a detailed physical consolidation and movement plan which had the objective of concentrating essentially all communication intelligence and associated research and development activities at Arlington Hall Station, Virginia and essentially all communication security and associated research and development activities at the Navy Communication Station, Washington, D. C. The plan was so designed as to permit the movement to take place in the minimum amount of time consistent with the requirement for continuing the cryptologic operations at a high level during the move. As of 31 December 1949 the movement schedule is 70% complete. It is estimated that, with one minor exception, the physical consolidation will be completed by 31 January 1950.

c. Administrative Consolidation

- (1) The following administrative actions have been taken in connection with subject consolidation.
 - (a) Establishment of AFSA Headquarters at Navy Communication Station, Washington, 15 July 1949. (See Enclosure "A")
 - (b) The Department of the Army was appointed as the Fiscal Agent for AFSA on 16 December 1949. (See Enclosure "C")
 - (c) Administrative control of the civilian personnel allocated to AFSA was assumed by the Director, AFSA on 25 December 1949. (See Enclosure "D")

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